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Date: September 9, 1954  
To: Director, FBI  
From: Legat, Mexico City 100-1422  
Subject: AUDREY LORDE, aka  
Audrey Lourdes  
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FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

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Extra copies of this communication have been prepared for the information and possible use of the San Juan and New York Offices.

As no specific background data are available concerning the subject it is not felt that local dissemination is warranted.

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97-169-1A6

"Daily Worker" issue of 9/3/50 p. 7 col. 4  
Freedom of the Press, Inc.

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Article captioned:

"New Issue of Harlem Quarterly On the Press".  
The Summer-Fall 1950 issue of  
Harlem Quarterly, edited by Benjamin A. Brown,  
is now on the press.

The issue includes short stories by John  
Hudson Jones and John Lee Weldon. Also  
articles on Bop and Society, The role of the  
Church in Negro Life, The U. N. How to Lose  
Friends and Antagonize Negroes. Poetry is  
contributed by Aaron Kramer, Theodore  
Stanford LeFevre, Waring Cunye, T.  
Marcel-Turenne des Pres. Stokely Carmichael,  
Ann Livingston Audrey Lorde and Mattie  
L. Goode. Book reviews, play reviews and  
an editorial rounds out the issue,  
which will soon be available in all  
progressive bookshops and at Box 919, G.P.O.  
New York, N.Y.

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SAC, New York

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Director, FBI (100-413658)

~~AUDREY LORDE~~  
SECURITY MATTER - C

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Enclosure

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## Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York

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FROM : Director, FBI (100-413658)

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Report of SA Robert T. Fieldhouse dated 10/7/53 at N.Y.  
questioned Joan Alexander (NY file 100-110123-14)  
reflects subject, Audrey Londe, resided at  
141 W 87<sup>th</sup> St, N.Y. until 8/18/53 with Joan Alexander.

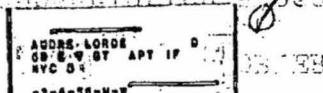
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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

## UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (NY 5-1100) DATE: MAR 26 1957  
 FROM: SA GUSTAV S. ABRANDT, 7-2  
 SUBJECT: [REDACTED]



FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

The photograph of subject's name and address appearing above  
 was taken 3/5/57 by SAs JOHN T. MURPHY, LEON F. SCHWARTZ and  
 GUSTAV S. ABRANDT, and photographer ROBERT E. BYRNES from a list  
 of names furnished by [REDACTED]

Bob [REDACTED] advised the list pro  
 was furnished him by [REDACTED], as representing the  
 subscribers to the "Daily Worker" and "The Worker". The "Daily Worker"  
 and its Sunday edition "The Worker" is an east coast Communist [REDACTED]  
 newspaper. The photographic negatives obtained are filed as an  
 exhibit in NY 97-169-1A2016.

The source and technique utilized in obtaining this information must be concealed if used in any report.

EXPLANATION: [REDACTED] is a photograph of the subject's address appearing  
 on the reverse side of this memorandum, and was furnished on 3/25/54 by former [REDACTED] in his position  
 to furnish reliable information, to SA EVERETT K. DEANE and SA PAUL  
 G. MITCHELL. It is filed as an exhibit in 97-169.

It is recommended that this case be reopened for  
 interview under the provisions of SAC letter 56-34

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to determine if the subject is still a threat to the security of the United States (CONTINUATION)

1. Appropriate classification group  
 2. Name of Reopen Case 416/54  
 3. Name of Agent or Unit on the Reopen  
 4. Reason for Reopen  
 5. Date of Reopen

The type of the appropriate agency name is [REDACTED]

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## SYMBOLS

The last line of the subscribers stencilled name and address indicates:

1. Date of expiration
2. Length of subscription
3. New-straight renewal or old renewal
4. Name of paper
5. Whether direct or through an agent.

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To determine length of sub we use symbols A thru M (Omitting I)

A - 1 mo.	H - 8 mos.
B - 2 "	J - 9 "
C - 3 "	K - 10 "
D - 4 "	L - 11 "
E - 5 "	M - 1 year
F - 6 "	2M - 2 years
G - 7 "	

"F" (6 months) and "M" (1 year) are most often found on THE WORKER subs, also "K" (10 months).

For fractions of a month,  $\frac{1}{2}$  is used.

EXAMPLE: 7-14-47 M W refers to a Sunday Worker sub for one year, expiring July 14, 1947.

7-14-47 F $\frac{1}{2}$  W refers to a 6 mo. Worker sub which will run for an extra week over the 6 months, and which expires July 14, 1947.

For subscriptions that are renewed within two weeks after expiration, the symbol "R" is used, to show that no copies are missed, e. g., 7-14-47 FR.

For subscriptions that were renewed after the date of expiration and the two weeks of grace, the symbol appears as RS, e. g., 7-14-47 RS which signifies that the subscription was renewed after expiration.

If the subscription is received through an agent of any kind, the symbol "A" is found at right of the plate, e. g., 7-14-47 M W A

If THE WORKER subscription was a combination sub, the symbol D is included, e. g., 7-14-47 MW D

## DAILY WORKER

A Daily Worker subscription appears as follows, - 7-14-47 M or 7-14-47 C (3 mo) 7-14-47 F (6 mo) if a Sunday paper is included, 7-14-47 MS, 7-14-47 C S (3 mo) etc.

Press Club subs, bear the symbol P, PM for one year, PF (6 mo) 7-14-47 PM, etc.

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May 29, 1957

TO: SAC NEW YORK (100-122142)

FROM: SA JOSEPH T QUIGLEY (19-2)

SUBJECT: AUDREY LORDE

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Security Informant Program

Purpose of Memo: Authority requested to interview subject under  
SAC letter 56-34

Occupation: student, Hunter College

Residence: 63 East 7 St. NYC

Subversive Activity: Was an associate of known Communists while  
attending school for a short time in Naples in 1957; resided  
for a time with Joan Alexander in 1953, an L.P. member  
during 1951 and 1952; "Worker" subscriber in 1956; resided  
with Ruth Heit in 1955 who was very active in the American  
Committee for Protection of Foreign Born

Miscellaneous: In the file on ~~Joan Alexander~~ Joan Alexander there  
is a statement that Alexander may be a lesbian. Nothing  
further on this.

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Details: Residence verified through neighbors. She lives  
by herself at stated address. Occupation verified thru  
former and subsequent report of liaison with Hunter College

June 12, 1957

To: SAC New York (100-122142)

FROM: SA Joseph T. Zuefley 19-2

Subject: AUDREY LORDE

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Security Information Program

Re memo 5/29/57

Subject was interviewed 6/11/57 at her residence,  
63 East 7 St. NYC by SAs Herbert R. Stellings and Joseph  
T. Zuefley.

Subject was very cordial, invited the agents into  
her apartment and was friendly throughout the interview.  
She stated that she despised Communism but she would  
be unable to bring herself to the point where she would  
report on them. She stated that she believed Communism  
was evil but the people she once thought were Communists  
were misguided and would, eventually, see things the  
American way. The only person she mentioned during

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the interview that she considered a Communist was her former room-mate, Ruth Heit. The subject matter of past associations of the subject who may have been members of the C.P. was waived off as it was apparent that this thought was repugnant to her.

The interview lasted approximately twenty five minutes and was terminated on a friendly basis. She was asked to give the matter of cooperating with the Bureau further thought and give us her decision at a later date but she said she was sure that she couldn't change her mind. On leaving, the subject asked how she could get in touch with the agents, a question which was unsolicited.

It is the belief of the interviewing agents that subject will not contact them and that the case should be returned to a closed status.

The information re Ruth Heit has been furnished to the Chicago office who is origin in that case NY File 100-67336

SAC, CHICAGO (100-30714)

6/17/57

SAC, NEW YORK (100-67336)

RUTH HEIT, was  
SM-G

On 6/11/57, AUDREY LORDE, subject of NY file 100-122142, was interviewed at her residence, 63 East 7th St., NYC, under the Security Informant Program by SAs HERBERT K. STALLINGS and JOSEPH T. QUIGLEY.

LORDE was friendly during the interview, but would not cooperate with the FBI to the extent of informing on her friends. She stated that she was never a member of the CP and wondered why the FBI was interested in her for this work. She was told that it was known to us that she had associated with Communists, and she remarked as if answering her own question, "probably because I formerly roomed with RUTH HEIT."

This remark was not followed up by the agents as they felt their primary concern was to enlist the cooperation of LORDE and if successful, her knowledge of RUTH HEIT would be forthcoming at a later date. However, as it turned out, LORDE's main objection to assisting the FBI was that she would not report on her friends. No further interview with LORDE is contemplated, as it is felt that she would give no information regarding HEIT or anyone else she knew.

2 - Chicago (100-30714) (RM)  
1 - New York (100-122142) (LORDE) (19-2)  
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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, ALBANY (100- )

DATE: 5/3/72  
4/28/72

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-144189)

SUBJECT: FREEDONWAY ASSOCIATES, INC.  
IS-C

"Freedomways". Vol. 12, No. 1, 1972, a publication of Freedomways Associates, Inc., was purchased April, 1972, at the Jefferson Bookstore on 16th St., off Broadway, NYC.

The official publication of Freedomways Associates, Incorporated, which was set up by the CPUSA in New York City in 1961, is "Freedomways." During a National Board meeting of the CPUSA in 1961, it was stated "Freedomways" develops theory and positive criticism of currents in the Negro movement and projects a socialist and pro-Soviet orientation to these matters.

- 2- Albany (RM)  
(1- 100- ) (JO HUDSON)
- 2- Buffalo (RM)  
(1- 100- ) (MILES M. JACKSON)
- 2- Los Angeles (RM)  
(1- 100- ) (J.K. OBATALA)
- 2- Milwaukee (RM)  
(1- 100- ) (NORMAN LEDERER)
- ⑯ New York  
(1- 100-111604) (HARRY BELAFONTE)  
(1- 105-65684) (R. J. MEADDOUGH)  
(1- 100-150297) (CALVIN H. SINNETTE)  
(1- 100-122142) (AUDRE LORDE)  
(1- 100-175244) (RONALD DELLUMS)  
(1- 97-2204) (JOHN HENRICK CLARKE)  
(1- 100-109166) (ERNEST KAISER)  
(1- 100-91330) (J. H. O'DELL)  
(1- 100-18618) (ESTHER JACKSON)  
(1- 100-103269) (JOHN DEVINE)  
(1- 100-151744) (KEITH E. BAIRD)  
(1- ) (BRUMSIC BRANDON, Jr.)  
(1- 100-87531) (SHERLEY GRAHAM)  
(1- 140-11474) (LOYLE HAIRSTON)  
(1- 100-144189) (MARGARET BURROUGHS)  
(1- -153708) (JAMES E. CAMPBELL)  
(1- -123603) (RUBY DEE)  
(1- -111939) (AUGUSTA STRONG)

TJD:bah

(26) *Rec'd 4/44*



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McC - check indices for  
any additional info and  
then, in view of her  
affiliation with John Jay,  
have Jim Brady tell PD.  
*WZ*

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RUBY DEE  
AUGUSTA STRONG

The following are some of the articles in this issue  
of "Freedomways."

(1) Prologue (Poem) by AUDRE LORDE. LORDE is described  
as a teacher of Black Literature at John Jay College, NYC.

(2) The Coalition's The Thing, by RONALD W. DELLUMS.  
DELLUMS is described as being in the forefront of the "New  
Breed" of Young Congressmen who are a clear voice for the kind  
of basic social changes the US needs.

(3) Martin Luther King and W.E.B. Du Bois: A Personal  
Tribute by HARRY BELAFONTE.

(4) Genocide and Black Ecology by CALVIN H. SINNETTE,  
described as a MD and Clinical Professor of Pediatrics,  
Columbia University.

(5) The Nixon Doctrine and Africa, by J.K. OBATALA,  
described as a candidate for PhD in History at UCLA and as  
Assistant Professor of Pan-African Studies at California State,  
Los Angles.

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MILES M. JACKSON reviewed a book. He is described as an Associate Professor at the State University of New York at Genesco. NORMAN LEDERER reviewed a book. He is described as Director of the Wisconsin State University at Platteville Ethnic and Minority Studies Center. JO HUDSON reviewed a book. She is described as a children's librarian in Albany, New York. RONALD R. BECKLES reviewed a book. He is described as a young trade unionist just completing an apprenticeship in the graphic arts.

R. J. MEADDOUGH reviewed several books. He is described as a New York writer whose short stories and book reviews have appeared in *Freedomways* before.

The original is located in 144189-1B.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (100-122142)

DATE: 7/10/72

FROM : SA NICHOLAS J. PURCHIA (#44)

SUBJECT: AUDREY LORDE

SM-C

The magazine "Freedomways", established by the CPUSA, in its issue #1, 1972, included a poem by the subject, who was described as a teacher of Black literature at the John Jay College, NYC.

On 7/7/72, subject's background, along with the fact her poem appeared in "Freedomways" and she is a teacher at the John Jay College, was made available to SA JAMES BRODY. SA BRODY was requested to make this information available to the New York City Police Department.

This case is being closed with the furnishing of subject's background to the NYCPD.

1 - New York (#44)

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